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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. <i>77957482</i> (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) NEW
International Application No. PCT/JP00/01800	International Filing Date March 23, 2000	Priority Date Claimed April 2, 1999
Title of Invention CERAMIC PRODUCT USED WITH WATER AND METHOD OF STAIN RESISTANT TREATMENT THEREFOR		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. ATTACHMENT A c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). ATTACHMENT B</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An (executed) oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). ATTACHMENT C</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p>		
ATTACHMENT D		
<p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p>		
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document -		
ATTACHMENT E		

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ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$860.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$		
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	40 -20 =	20	X \$18.00	\$360.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =		X \$80.00	\$
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$270.00	\$270.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$1490.00		
[] Small Entity Status is hereby asserted. Above fees are reduced by 1/2.		\$		
SUBTOTAL =		\$1490.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).		\$		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$1490.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +		\$40.00		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$1530.00		
		Amount to be refunded	\$	
		Amount to be charged	\$	
<p>a. [X] A check in the amount of <u>\$1530.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.</p> <p>b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-0975 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>23-0975</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE AMOUNT TO THIS FEE TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975</p>				
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>				
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SPECIFICATION

CERAMIC PRODUCT USED WITH WATER
AND METHOD OF STAIN RESISTANT TREATMENT THEREFOR

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a ceramic product used in a place where water is used, for example, in a toilet, kitchen or lavatory in a house. Such a ceramic product includes flush 10 toilets, wash basins, etc. The invention further relates to a method of stain resistant treatment applied to the ceramic product.

BACKGROUND ART

Ceramic products such as flush toilets come into contact 15 with human waste, aqueous solution of soap, cleansing liquid, shampoo, lipstick, hairdye, etc. as well as with water in their use. In view of this, a vitreous glazed layer is formed on an inner surface etc. of the ceramic product so that stain such as human waste can easily be eliminated. Furthermore, an 20 antibacterial treatment causing an oligodynamic reaction has recently been applied to the glazed layer for prevention of production of slime and urinary calculus resulting from these stains. Furthermore, the human waste, soap liquid, cleansing liquid, shampoo, hairdye, etc. are aqueous. These adhere to the 25 inner surface of the ceramic product together with water and thereafter dry into stain. In view of this, a water repellent treatment is applied to a glazed surface so that these materials are prevented from remaining on the glazed surface.